



Norman "Mouse" Beckius

Hello Readers. My name is Norman Beckius, better known to most of you as "Mouse". I was born on June 12th 1944 in the small town of Highland, Wisconsin where I lived on the family farm with my parents, Joseph and Mary Beckius, as well as my four older brothers; Delbert, Arnold, Virgil and Everett. I attended St Anthony's school for 8 years and then moved on to Highland High School where I spent the next 4 years playing sports such as Basketball and Football, which I especially love to play. After graduating in 1962 I decided to join the Army where I spent the next 2 years in various parts of the country. I left the Army in April of 1965 and started working at Chrysler Corporation Belvidere, Illinois Assembly Plant on December 1st 1965. While spending time in Madison Wisconsin I met a young lady named Yvonne Lone. Who I would marry on February 10th 1968. We would later move to Beloit Wisconsin where the following years brought the birth of my three children; John 1968; William in 1969 and Lisa in 1976. Not long after this I started to play Horseshoes, first at the Goldsmith Courts in South Beloit and later at 640 Ravine drive. The future home of the Beloit Horseshoe club. The Club's outdoor courts were installed in 1987 and the indoor arena was built in 1990. I myself have been president of Beloit Horseshoe Club for 23 years now and have the great thrill of seeing our small group of pitching enthusiasts transform into one of the top clubs in the nation. Our signature event, Team World, has been hosted by the Club for 23 years running and Beloit has been the site of 5 or 6 Wisconsin State Tournaments as well. This in addition to the numerous leagues, tournaments and events that call Beloit Horseshoe Club home. I retired from working at Chrysler in 2001 after 36 years of service and was able to dedicate more time and effort to the daily operations of the Club, something I am happy to provide to my fellow members and our guests. I have always been a pitcher also, and have enjoyed playing in many, many tournaments and events over the years including several World Tournaments, my best finish being a 3rd place in Spearfish, South Dakota back in 1989. It's always been a pleasure to be around those involved in Horseshoes, whether as a spectator, a pitcher or as an organizer. In closing I would like to acknowledge my Family, My wife, My 3 children, my 7 grandchildren, my parents and my brothers. I would also like to thank all of the members of Beloit Horseshoe Club, past and present, for their friendship and support over the years. Finally, I would like to thank the NHPA, the WHPA and the Hall of Fame Committee for recognizing me with this great honor. I will continue to promote the hobby, the game and the support of Horseshoes for as long as I live. Thank You all!!

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